Dr. Fentress, Others Quit New Y "Board"

NORFOLK, VA

Dr. Alfred E. Fentress has notified the membership faction which attempted to elect a new Hunton Branch YMCA committee of management on Dec. 10 that he cannot accept his election to that body.

"I still recognize myself as a member of the present acting board of management," Dr. Fentress wrote to the person who signed the call for the meeting as "membership chairman."

SEVERAL OTHER members of the old, established committee of management were also "elected" to the new "board." Two of them previously had notified the leaders of that faction that they would not permit use of their names. They are the Rev. J. Jasper Freeman and Franklin W. Thornton.

Six others who held membership on the original committee and were named on the new "board" as well, were included among defendants enjoined from interfering with the management of the Branch by a court decree signed last Thursday by Circuit Court Judge Clyde H. Jacob.

A complete hearing on the issues in the YMCA controversy has been scheduled for Jan. 24.

T. M. Alexander Re-elected To Head YMCA Board

T. M. Alexander, prominent Atlanta businessman, was re-elected to serve his 19th term as president of the Board of Directors of the Butler Street YMCA Monday night. He has been president 19 years.

Other officers elected at the board's regular meeting were: J. T. Bickers, 1st vice president; C. R. Yates, 2nd vice president; Atty. A. T. Walden, treasurer; Jesse Hill, Jr., secretary; and the Rev. J. B. Garnett, chaplain.

The board also heard a report on the purchase of a lot in the vicinity of Mason-Turner and Ashby Streets. Last week the YMCA announced the completion of negotiations for the purchase of a tract of land located on Ollie and DeSota Streets, NW. The YMCA is conducting an expansion program.

It was also announced that the organization's membership campaign will be conducted March 7-28. H. N. Arnold will work in conjunction with the campaign.

Courier-Journal Photo

LEO B. MARSH
New Yorker speaks here

'Y' Starting Drive To Gain More Aides

Don't be surprised if the familiar military recruiting poster in front of so many Y.M.C.A. buildings is traded in for one extolling the glamour of life as a Y.M.C.A. secretary.

The Y.M.C.A., faced with a national shortage of 400 secretaries, is starting a recruiting campaign of its own.

Leo B. Marsh, New York, program-services secretary of the Y.M.C.A., described the drive to enlist new secretaries as one of the trends in "Y" work.

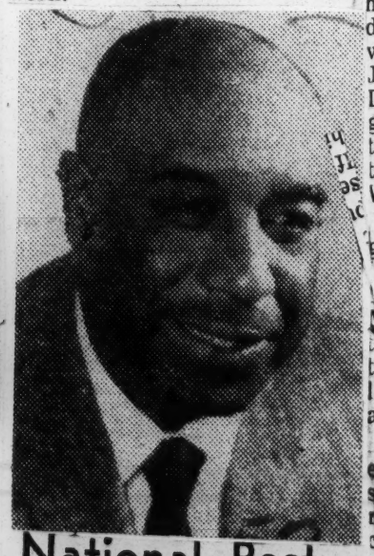
Marsh spoke last night at the Chestnut Branch Y here.

Drawbacks Noted

Low salaries and long hours have long been a drawback to attracting men into Y work, he admitted, but throughout the nation Y boards are aware of this and are trying to remedy it.

The principal attractions of Y work, however, are not money or working conditions. "The opportunity of helping other people is still challenging to many young men," Marsh said.

More and more men taking up Y work see it as "a Christian vocation." Others are attracted by the international aspect of Y work. And some look on the Y as a form of educational work.



National Post—

Atty. Eugene W. Wood, chairman of the board of the Wabash Ave. YMCA, Chicago, was elected to the vice presidency of the National Council of YMCAs of the United States of America.

'Y' student groups aid integration here, abroad, Rev. Catchings reports

BY SAMUEL A. HAYNES

MONTCLAIR, N.J. — The YMCA's "concern for integration," which is being interpreted through its National Student Council, is gaining headway in colleges and universities in California and Hawaii.

But in Hawaii where mixed blood is predominant, the problem of integration is in reverse, because Caucasians are reluctant to join the YMCA whose membership includes a variety of races.

This is the message brought back by the Rev. L. Maynard Catchings, associate secretary, Student Services Staff, national YMCA board, after an extensive lecture tour of California and Hawaii.

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IN AN exclusive interview at his home, 5 High Ter., where he spent the Christmas holidays with his wife, a social worker, and son, L. Maynard Jr., 12, the former Washington D.C., Congregational pastor gave the AFRO information that spotlighted the current national observance of YMCA Week.

Since leaving Plymouth Congregational Church in Washington eight years ago to join the National "Y" Student Staff, Mr. Catchings has lectured on the problem of integration on the campuses of over 100 colleges and universities here and abroad in the last three years.

Last fall he set up the Southern Area Council YMCA to stimulate interest in the movement toward integration among college students and faculty members.

IN HIS visits to six educational institutions in California including the University of Berkley, Stanford and the Institute of Technology, the Rev. Mr. Catchings said he found only a few colored.

The YMCA, therefore, is interested in increasing colored enrollment to keep them integrated in the total college life.

He spoke at three intercollegiate conferences in California in Northern and Southern areas, one of which was for junior colleges in the Malibu Beach area.

As a result of these conferences, The Rev. Mr. Catchings said the students undertook two projects:

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1. TO WORK toward opening off-campus houing to minority groups; and

2. At Stanford University and other college, publicize the achievements of colored Americans during Negro History week in February.

In Hawaii, he was invited to consel officials of the university on how to speed integration of Caucasians into the YMCA, and held conference with YM and YWCA officials.

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AT THE University of Hawaii, he spoke to 12 classes in sociology and social psychology interpreting the Little Rock, Ark., outbreak over school integration and the U.S. Government's support of integration.

"Asian students," the "Y" secretary emphasized, displayed avid interest in racial integration in the United States.

"They are acquainted with the colored Americans, but have now identified themselves with our fight for first-class citizenship."

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IN HONOLULU, he addressed one of the few integrated Rotary Clubs in the United States jurisdiction last November and was given a certificate of appreciation.

"It was noteworthy," Mr. Catchings said, "that the Asian president expressed the hope that their pattern of integration would be followed on the mainland."

During the Christmas season, Rev. Catchings lectured on integration to 80 American and other students from 13 countries at a YMCA Camp near Miami, Fla.

Neal Named To YMCA Position

Earl Langdon Neal, an attorney has been selected chairman of the Washington Park YMCA Youth committee for 1958-59.

Neal is a graduate of Englewood high school, and received his bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois, and L.L.B. from Michigan Law school.

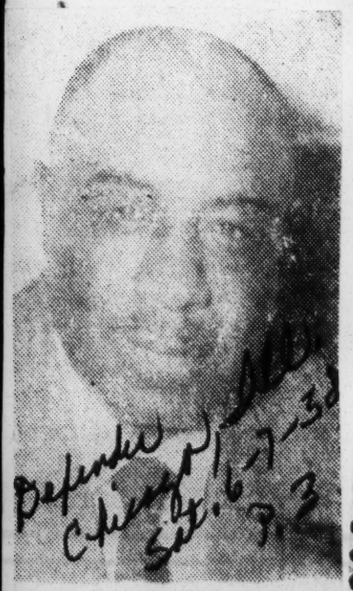
His civic activities include: Bar association Chicago Land Clearance Commission.

Earl Neal

Area Youth Council YMCA, member of Chicago attorney for the associated in practice with his father and is an member of Phi ternity, Illinois Alpha Delta Fra

Neal replaced Fred Ford former chairman of the YMCA Boys' Work Committee for the past three years.

STOCKHAM EMPLOYEES CONTRIBUTE $1700 TO YMCA MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN: Left to right —Prof. C. G. McGregor, Parker High School instructor; Dr. R. M. Howard, plant dentist at Stockham Valves and Fittings; G. W. Harrison, secretary of the Stockham Industrial YMCA and associate chairman of the seventh annual YMCA membership campaign; J. B. Whitehead, Prof. C. G. Christian. Parker High School instructor and chairman of the 1958 YMCA membership enlistment drive; W. W. Whetstone, principal of Hill School and chairman of the 31-member YMCA board of management, and Dr. John W. Nixon, a member of the board of directors Citizens General Savings and Loan Association, Dr. Howard is seen presenting a check for $1700 from the employees of Stockhom Valves and Fittings to Dr. Christian.



EUGENE W. WOOD, of the Wabash ave. YMCA has been elected vice president of the National Council of YMCA's of the U.S.A. Woods, an attorney, has served for the last years as chairman of the board of the Wabash YMCA. On learning of his appointment, he said: "Now is the time to really go to work."

YOUTH ACTIVITY ON SOUTH SIDE HIS SPECIALTY

Attorney Enlists Adult Leaders for 'Y'

BY ROI OTTLEY

Earl Langdon Neal, who recently was elected chairman of the Washington Park Y. M. C. A. youth committee, has adult volunteers to act as leaders for south side boys clubs which function under "Y" supervision.

Neal, a member of the boys work committee for 3 years, also is helping to organize boys who live too far to attend "Y" programs regularly and is providing them with adult leaders and materials for organized recreation.

Devoted to Youth

He started this work as a member of the Y. M. C. A. student council while an undergraduate at the University of Illinois. He now spends three evenings a week planning programs for boys aged 6 to 17.

He also is a member of the Illinois Area Youth council of the Y. M. C. A., which plans over-all policy and programs, and an attorney for the Land Clearance commission, specializing in condemnation proceedings.

Native of Chicago

The Negro attorney was born in Chicago April 16 1928. His father, Earl J., a graduate of the University of Minnesota and Kent college of Law in Chicago, is a lawyer. His mother, Evelyn, is a public school teacher for the physically handicapped.

Young Neal attended Forestville elementary school and Englewood High school, where he was a member of the swimming team. He was graduated in 1945, and was selected as the outstanding student.

First in Legal Group

He enrolled at the University of Illinois, graduating in 1949 with a B. A. degree. Later he entered the University of Michigan law school, where he was the first Negro elected to the legal fraternity, Phi Alpha Delta. He was graduated in 1952 with an L. L. B. degree.

Neal was admitted to the Michigan bar in 1952, then enlisted in the army. He served in the signal corps in Europe. He was mustered out in 1954 as a corporal.

Land Clearance Attorney

He was admitted to the Illinois bar in 1955, and joined his father's firm, Neal & Neal, specializing in real estate and divorce. The next year he was appointed an attorney for the Land Clearance commission.

Neal, a member of the Chicago Bar association, is married to the former Isobel Hoskins, graduate of New York university and a former public school teacher. They have a son, Langdon, 1 year old.

Groundbreaking Ceremony Held For New YMCA

As pleased members of the YMCA Board of Directors looked on, little Artie Cobb, president of the E. R. Carter Gra-Y Club, dug up the first soil at the site of the proposed Westside Building of the Butler Street YMCA.

The groundbreaking ceremony Monday at 11 a.m. quietly ushered in the beginning of the realization of a long time hope to make YMCA recreational activities accessible to the youthful residents of the Westside area.

As young Cobb broke the first ground preparatory to the building of the $417,000 initial structure, Father Usher, Rector of St. Paul Episcopal Church, consecrated the ground to the furtherance of efforts to build strong minds, bodies and spirits.

The new building which Warren Cochrane said will be named the Joseph B. Whitehead Memorial Building of the Butler Street YMCA, will be made possible largely through the sacrifice of Mrs. Amanda Chennault who reportedly sold the land at the site of the proposed building at a "sacrifice price."

Tribute was paid to both Mrs. Chennault and her late husband, D. W. Chennault.

Mrs. Chennault watched in quiet dignity as the majority of the members of the YMCA board of directors rolled up their sleeves and spaded some dirt from the ground to satisfy themselves that the job was well done.

The first stage of the Westside branch building, to be located at Ollie and DeSota Streets, N. W. (opposite Washington Park) is expected to be ready for use in approximately 10 months, according to Warren Cochrane, executive secretary of the Butler Street YMCA.

The final contract for the construction of the building was signed a few days ago. The building is scheduled to be built in three stages. The first unit, at a cost of $417,000, will be one-story, including activity rooms and a complete and modern swimming pool.

During the second phase of the building program, a gymnasium will be added and the third and final stage will see the addition of approximately seven resident floors. The estimated cost of the completed structure when funds are made available will total close to two million dollars.

Cochrane stated at the ceremony that the new building program and the remodelling of the Butler St. branch has choked his budget into a huge deficit. He urged all who are interested in the welfare of the YMCA and the youth of Atlanta to donate generously to the YMCA fund.

Cochrane concluded the ceremony with the introduction of Griff Edwards, architectural designer of the new addition. The YMCA secretary noted that Edwards and his firm spared no efforts to make the building modern in every aspect. He predicted the completed structure will be one of the finest YMCA establishments throughout the country.

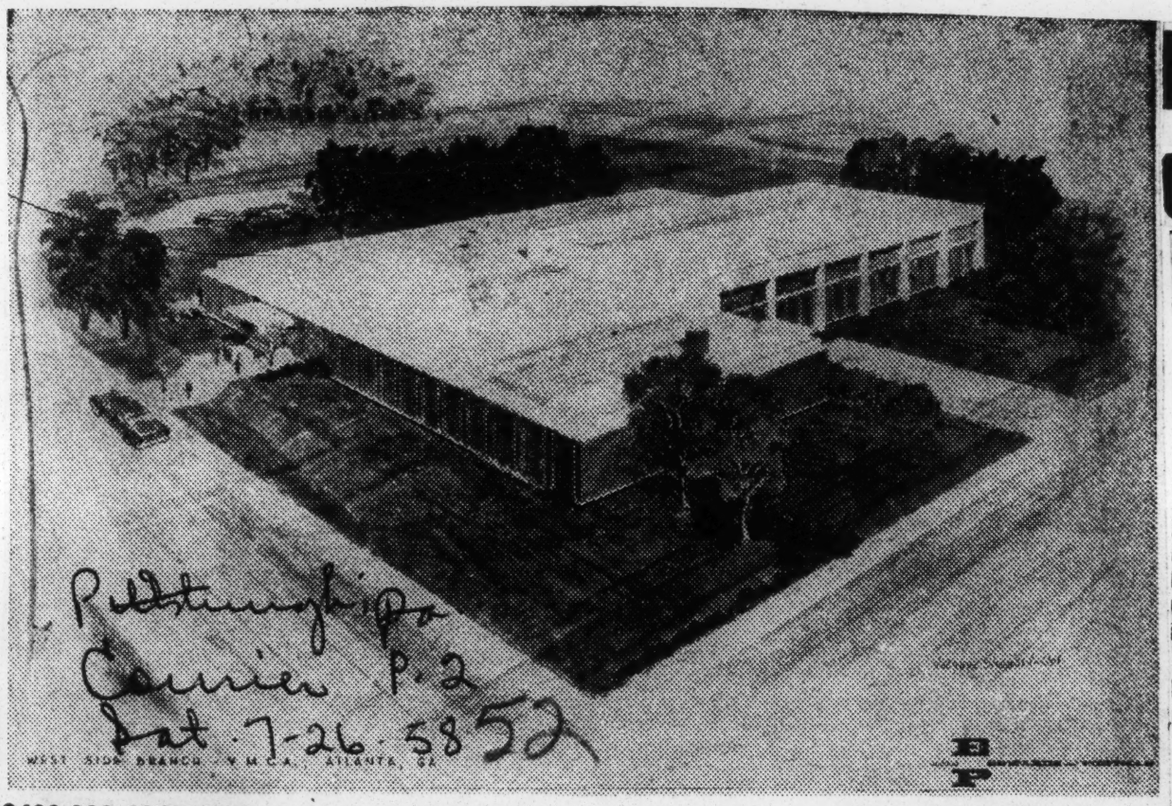
Dr Evans To Interracial Commission

PRAIRIE VIEW, Texas — The National Council of the Young Men's Christian Association has added the name of Dr E B Evans, president of Prairie View A and M College to membership on its Commission on Interracial Policies and Program for 1958.

Dr. Evan's appointment was made by the YMCA National Board with headquarters in New York City. Duties of the Commission include assembling facts, studying opportunities and problems, and recommending programs of study and action for the National Board staff with regard to interracial policies, and program for Association Movement.

The Prairie View president is also serving on the Texas Commission on Interracial Cooperation and the Committee on interracial relationships for the National organization of Boy Scouts of America. He is presently chairman of the Community Development Committee of the Southwest Region YMCA.

His work in the development of youth programs and interracial understanding covered a period of forty years — since joining the Prairie View staff in 1918.



$480,000 BUILDING — Shown above is the architect's drawing of the new West Side Branch YMCA to be built in Atlanta, Ga. The structure, which will cost $480,000, will be completely owned and operated by Negroes.

Spending $750,000 in Atlanta

Huge 'Y' Building Program Underway

ATLANTA — Work will begin Aug. 1 on the new Westside Branch of the Butler Street YMCA, which is being built at a cost of $480,000, including $60,000 spent for land, according to YMCA executive secretary Warren R. Cochrane.

The new project is part of a three-quarter-million dollar expansion and renovation program of the local YMCA. Over $100,000 is being spent for the renovation of the parent building on Butler St., Mr. Cochrane said. New private baths, plumbing, electrical windows and other improvements are on deck for the parent building.

Also in operation now is the Y's camp for boys at Lake Allatoona, where $100,000 was spent in building and equipping a thoroughly modern camp site which is drawing hordes of youngsters.

The Butler Street YMCA is a strictly independent YMCA, with no "branch" relationships, Mr. Cochrane pointed out. It is totally owned and operated by Negroes.

Mr. Cochrane said Atlanta Negroes had done a good job of supporting their YMCA, which performs many important community services. He has been with the local YMCA for 19 years.

Harlem YC, 6th Oldest In Nation, Floats Along

By ZANDER HOLLANDER.

There's no yacht club alive that doesn't have a hatch-full of tales about floating members, or members who floated, but can any match the Harlem YC for its contribution to floating history, and now we're speaking non-alcoholically.

We go back to 1893, when Harlem YC, then at 121st St. and the East River, needed a new site. The clubhouse was towed up the river on a barge, eventually landing on City Island, and today it's still in service—as a barbershop on City Island Ave. off Ditmar St.

They've had two clubhouses since then, one destroyed by the inevitable fire in 1916, 87-year-old George Chadwick recalled today as he and his fellow members prepared for tomorrow's 75th anniversary commissioning. Harlem YC was incorporated in 1883 "for the purpose of yachting and the cultivation and advancement of naval science and architecture."

Oh Yeah?

So states a club pamphlet and to this Harrison E. Nye, present commodore, quipped: "That expressed purpose is comparable to horse players being referred to as improvers of the breed."

In longevity Harlem is exceeded by just five other yacht clubs in the U.S.: New York YC, 1844; Seawanhaka, 1871; Larchmont, 1880; Knickerbocker, 1881, and American, 1883.

Every club boasts one spry vintage character and at Harlem this would be the aforementioned Chadwick, a member since 1916. "I came from England and one night I met another Englishman in a gin mill in Harlem. He had a boat and through him I learned about the club," explained Chadwick, whose son George Jr. is currently commodore of the City Island YC, which has its 51st commissioning tomorrow.

To reach City Island in the days when Chadwick joined the club you traveled by New York, New Haven to Bartow Station, then took a horse-car or walked the two miles. Chadwick had a Newport 30 named Veda which he sailed for many years in the handicap division of the YRA. Although there's little hint of it now, Harlem was once strictly a sailing club and one of the founders of the YRA.

Praise From TR.

Among the reminders of past interest are pictures on the clubhouse wall of America's Cup J-boats and a letter from Teddy Roosevelt, assistant secretary of war, thanking the officers of the club for offering the clubhouse to the government, if needed, in the Spanish-American War.

Forty years ago there were 190 members; today there are 187. One obvious difference is the fact that of the present 120 craft, just 20 are sail, these ranging from Mike Treat's eight-foot sailing dinghy to Bernard Howard's 60-foot schooner.

Of the membership Commodore Nye, an insurance man said: "We've got all types from welders to corporation executives."

There are restrictions, we discovered. Sign on the entrance reads: "No dogs or baby carriages allowed in clubhouse."

LOCAL FIRM DONATES YMCA MEMBERSHIPS

The Westside Branch of the Southern Paint and Hardware Co., contributed YMCA memberships to 25 boys. Pictured are J. K. Cooper, co-owner of the firm presenting check to Henry Spears, executive secretary of the Branch YMCA. J. L. Cooper, parnter and originator of the recreational fun to provide facilities to boys and girls looking on. Several of the fund recipients are shown. Extreme back, between firm owners is Willie James Barber, program director of the Branch YMCA.

Matthew Carter Named To National YMCA Board

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Matthew G. Carter, executive secretary of the Spring Street Branch YMCA for the past six and a half years, will join the staff of the National Board of the YMCA on September 1, as assistant director of Association Press, the YMCA's publication department in New York. This position was recently created by the National YMCA Board.

A native of Danville, Va., where he attended public schools, Carter received a B. A. degree from Virginia Union university in 1939 and his B. D. degree in 1942, following it with work at Columbia university and Union Seminary, New York, in 1950 and 1951.

As Executive Secretary of the Leigh Street Branch Y. M. C. A., Richmond, Va., where he served seven and a half years, he was responsible for the revitalization of the YMCA program there and saw the branch accepted as a

The National Council, at m 'ge and the Council of Social Agencies.

COUNCIL SECRETARY

In 1948 he was named associate secretary of the Southwest Area Council of the YMCA, where he conducted a vigorous program to integrate Negro leadership into the council's program and activities.

Carter became the Executive secretary of the Spring Street Branch in 1951 and during his incumbency membership rose 54 per cent. He has been active in the current $2,520,000 joint campaign of the YMCA and YWCA which has allotted $750,000 for the construction of a new building on Woodland ave.

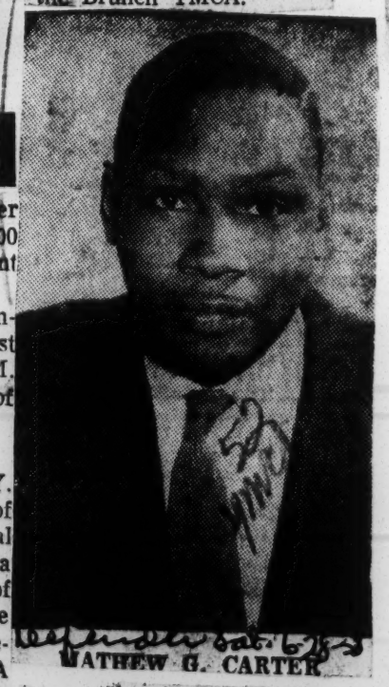
Branch leaders and volunteer workers raised a total of $78,000 on the East Side toward the joint goal.

Carter has served as a member of the Board of the Ohio-West Virginia Area Council of the Y. M. C. A. made him a member of the Association of Secretaries.

ALLIANCE DELEGATE

The National Council of the Y. M. C. A. made hi ma member of its Commission on Interracial Policies and Program. He was a delegate to the World Alliance of YMCA's in Paris in 1955 and one of ten Secretaries chosen to represent the North American YMCA at the World Council Meeting in Kassel, Germany in 1957.

At present he is chairman of the Christian Emphasis Committee of the Association of Secretaries of North America. He is a frequent contributor of articles to the Forum, the professional journal of the Association of Secretaries.



MATHEW G. CARTER

CIVIC LEADER

His Columbus activities include membership on the boards of the Travelers Aid Society, United Service Organization, Central Community House, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and the Urban League.

He has served as chairman of the Executive Committee of Fellowship Church, whose membership is interracial and interfaith. He also holds memberships in Lambda Boule-Sigma Pi Phi fraternity, the Frontiers of America, and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. He frequently serves as Associate Minister of the Shiloh Baptist church.

WIFE TEACHES

Carter is married and has two daughters, Bettye Frances, 8, and Nannette, 4. Frances, Carter's wife, is a teacher in the Columbus Public Schools, and has been active in the cultural and religious life of the community.

Carter is the third executive from the Spring Street YMCA to receive an invitation to the staff of the National Board of the YMCA in the branch's 40-odd year history.

Although Carter had offers of the new post in Aug. 1957, and another as fraternal secretary, National Council YMCA of Indonesia, he deferred acceptance of both positions because he felt an obligation to assist in the current Capital Fund Campaign.